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WATER CONTACT CLOSURE FOR SOUTH COUNTY BEACHES *Tijuana River Flows Enter The U.S. Following Rain On Saturday*

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health has expanded the water contact closure area at the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge shoreline north to include the Imperial Beach shoreline. Border Field State Park and the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge shoreline were closed to water contact on Saturday, October 14th. Tijuana River flows began entering the U.S. and the Tijuana Estuary on Saturday morning, October 14th, following rainfall in the Tijuana watershed. Field observations today indicate flows from the estuary are moving northward and contamination of ocean water in Imperial Beach is suspected. Signs warning of sewage contaminated water will remain in place until field measurements indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the Tijuana River, please call the U.S. International Boundary & Water Commission at 619-662-7600.

**For updates on beach closure information please call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073.
OR go to www.cleanup.org and enter your zip code. Select "Beach Water Quality"**

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